

12/11/69 Meeting

MSGR. LALLY

My name is Monsignor Lally. I am Chairman of the Boston Redevelopment Authority Board. I am speaking for myself and for the Board.

We have asked you ladies and gentlemen who work in the Business Relocation section of our program to come here this afternoon because we have received some disturbing reports and complaints.

The purpose of my remarks is to emphasize certain rules and guidelines we expect you to follow. A violation of these rules will be considered grounds for dismissal.

I am sure nothing I say will be new to you, but I stress again that these rules must be followed carefully and scrupulously.

A business concern being relocated--as all of you know--must obtain three bids from movers.

It is your responsibility to satisfy yourself that the bids involved are honest bids, that there is no collusion and that the low bid quoted is a reasonable price for the work to be done.

If you are not satisfied on any of these points, you should report that fact to Mr. John O'Neill.

There are cases where as many as three moving companies are under the same control. If you don't know who these companies are, get the information from Mr. O'Neill.

It is your responsibility to see that not more than one company under the same control submits a bid for the same job.

Under no circumstances are you to obtain the bids from moving companies for a relocation client.

I cannot stress too strongly that disregard of this rule by any employee would result in his discharge.

I realize that a business official you are assisting might ask you to get him three bids and might tell you it would be helpful if you do so.

This is one service you are not allowed to perform. It might be a completely honest and legitimate service, but you cannot provide it. The business concern must get its own bids.

Neither can you suggest moving firms from whom bids can be obtained.

If a business official tells you he doesn't know the name of three moving companies, you cannot help him by supplying the information.

He may get the information from the yellow pages of the telephone book, but he cannot get it from you.

These are iron-clad rules which cannot be broken at any time or for any reason.

If you follow them, you will stay out of trouble.

If you disregard them, you will not be retained in the employ of the Redevelopment Authority.

I hope this meeting helps to eliminate any misunderstanding as to what we want of you and expect you to do.

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